

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday May 4, 2022

7:00 pm

601 7th Street, Fairbury, NE 68352

1. The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President, Kristin Vaughn. Notice of this meeting was posted in advance in the Fairbury Journal News. The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as required by law.

2. In addition to Kristin, LeAnn Krause, Eric Borch and Stan Smith were present in person. Warner Krumme was present via phone conference call. Director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The April 6th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes. Eric, yes and LeAnn, yes. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report:

Building:

-Water leaking around window above "new books" shelves during rainy period. This problem first occurred (in recent times) in April 2019. Came to the same conclusion this time that it is a gutter problem (clogged and overflowing) as water was also overflowing the gutters by east emergency exit door. Siebe was out to clean gutters. There is apparently a low spot on that east side that is preventing the water from flowing naturally to the downspout outside the door. He is going to return later in the week and install another downspout on the other side of the low spot to see if that improves drainage. Building also apparently needs to have gutters cleaned more frequently than just the fall, especially in the spring before the rainy season.

-New bookshelf added in the children's junior fiction room. We wanted an additional shelf in each section, so we repurposed the bottom shelves for regular bookshelves and volunteer Ralph Tate cut and stained new ones for the bottom.

Library Events and Programming:

-Charlotte Endorf will be presenting her new program *Kind Nebraskans: a story of WW II and the Holocaust* at the Senior Center on June 29th.

-Summer reading sign up begins May 2nd.

-Two programs, *The Dinosaur Guy*, and *Jeff Quinn Magician*, will be held at the Bonham this summer.

-*Planting for Pollinators* program presented through the Extension Office is scheduled for May 26th.

-CASTL held on Zoom again where we discussed vendors we use or might find useful.

Director Activities:

-As a follow up to patron Jerry Laus being banned from the library, we believe he actually spent the night, or at least part of it, in the library Friday April 1. The children's side was found unlocked Saturday morning. Linda D. distinctly remembers locking it Friday night, and the cleaning crew was here Thursday night so it wasn't them. Monday I discovered the coffee machine had been used, and that the few

dollars in our coffee fund were missing. Unfortunately, we didn't put the pieces together until it was too late to check our security cameras to be able to confirm our suspicions.

-Door count is up, but we have a new homeless patron who comes and goes numerous times during the day, and even if we try to adjust, the numbers are likely inflated. Circulation of materials is down, but we have been very busy with computer, printer, copy machine, and fax users.

-Busy putting together summer reading programs, activities, and promotion

-Linda Dux has officially put in a September 30 retirement date.

6. Bills in the amount of \$17,641.56 were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the bills be approved. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Eric, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: Board accreditation is due in 2023. Board members need to be working towards completing their hours for that. Debbie will send out a link for videos to watch.

8. New Business: Debbie has two upcoming workshops. The first is SELS Training Extravaganza on May 13, and the second is CASTL in Lincoln on May 20.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held June 1, 2022.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause